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Members approve development plan

The Club General Meeting, held on December 21, was a momentous one, described by many members as the most important meeting since the decision was originally taken to build the present Tattersall's Club building.

Well over 300 members attended to hear Club Chairman, David Dransfield, and other committee members and professional advisers to the club put forward the proposal – which was enthusiastically agreed – for the club's future.

David told members the meeting was called so close to Christmas because the proposed purchaser of the club building had required that members' approval of the plan be obtained by December 24.

"In my letter you were told of the Committee's decision to go to public tender and at the closing date on November 30 no tenders were received. However approaches were made by three interested parties subsequently and of these, only one final offer was received," David said.

"The members of the Building sub-committee conducted intensive negotiations culminating in what your Committee consider an eminently suitable offer for the building.

"The total value of the offer is \$30 million from which we will receive the sum of \$10 million, out of which we will be required to fit out the new clubhouse at our cost and which, based on our expert advisers' calculations, should not exceed \$6 million. After the payment of sales commission, legal fees, and architects' fees we should have

approximately \$3,700,000 for investment.

"Above all, we will be rehoused in brand new premises on the existing site in a new development. We will have the right to remove any fixtures and fittings from the existing building to recreate areas considered necessary as in the present building and I can assure you your Committee will maintain all worthwhile features of the old clubhouse."

David referred to the rebuilding period and said: "Discussions are already under way with a number of other city clubs to make available their facilities during the reconstruction period. These include City Tattersall's Club, the Masonic Club, the American Club and the Royal Automobile Club."

David concluded by pointing out that the Ordinance 70 Order in regard to fire regulations would require work estimated to cost more than \$2 million and that the club had sustained a loss of \$143,932 in the nine months to November 30.

"A person can very easily visualise the futility of considering to borrow in excess of \$2 million without the capacity to repay," he said.

"Your Committee feel this offer is the salvation of Tattersall's Club and we as members can liken our situation to the history making dates of the formation of the club in 1858 and the mammoth decision to build the existing clubhouse some 60 years ago."

David Dransfield was supported by Treasurer, John Simpson and

Committee member, Peter Twigg.

John Simpson mentioned the stockmarket crash and added that the club's professional advice was that the offer received was the best likely to be available in the foreseeable future. "Our advisers tell us that it may be some years before the current boom in city property sales and development is repeated," he said.

The Treasurer added that including deferred maintenance the total amount required to bring the existing clubhouse "up to scratch" would be of the order of \$4 to \$5 million.

"In my view, which I urge upon you, it is not a matter of should we accept this offer – it is rather can we afford not to," he concluded.

Professional advisers present to answer members' questions on the proposal included Mr John Stammers, a senior partner of Dawson Waldron, Mr Bob Gilbert, Chairman of Gilbert and Kennedy, Property Consultants and Mr Adrian Hickey of McNalley & Hickey, Architects.

Dates For Your Diary

Bowls programme: February 4, social matches at Double Bay; Feb. 11, social matches at City; Feb. 18 and 25 and March 3, social matches at Double Bay.

Snooker Club Function to start the football season. February 25, 6.40pm for drinks, followed by three-course dinner and football oriented activities. Cost \$50 per person, dress for members and male guests, lounge suit. Book through Joanne at the office, more details from the night's MC, Doug Jordan.

Epicureans' Bicentennial Harbour Cruise. lunch and visit to historical sights aboard Matilda 11. Departs Pyrmont 22 at 12.30pm, March 13 and Mosman Wharf at 12.50pm. Bookings \$42.00 per person through Joanne at the office. See article this issue.

Inaugural Artist's Luncheon. Fiona Craig will speak and exhibit her paintings, Club Room, March 25, 1pm. Bookings, Joanne at the office. See article this issue for more detail.



Among guests at the Chairman's Christmas Cocktail Party, was Peter Golding, right of centre, with a party which included, from left, Stewart and Mrs Janet Horley, Bill Wood, Mrs Noreen Golding on Peter's left and Mrs Sylvia Wood, right.

Club raises \$5,000 for Olympic team

One of the most successful functions at the club at the year's end was the luncheon to raise funds for the 1988 Olympic Team going to Seoul. It was attended by more than 150 members, ladies and guests.

A series of auctions and raffles conducted by television commentator, Norman May and his assistants, raised no less than \$5,000 for the team, although Norman managed to pretend disappointment at the unique, historical cricket bat he auctioned only raising a little over \$500.

The bat was signed by the New South Wales and South Australian teams, and therefore used on what Norman May described as the worst wicket ever seen

in the history of the Sydney Cricket Ground.

Furthermore, as he pointed out, there was not a mark on it; it had not actually been "used". It was Hooke's new bat, Norman May claimed and he had been LBW first ball.

The other major auction gift, an Ansett holiday at Hayman Island, was knocked down to radio commentator, Gordon Elliott.

There were a large number of prizes, ranging in value from State Building Society accounts worth \$200 to boxes of chocolates, and most at the luncheon left with some prize under their arm.

The cheque for \$5,000, made up of some \$4,400 from the auction and raffles

and \$600 profit from attendance at the luncheon, was presented to John Devitt for the Olympic Association by Club Treasurer John Simpson.

Australian Olympic swimmer Grahame Windeatt, who swam in the 1,500 metres event, coming second, in 1976, was the speaker at the luncheon and told members that in his opinion, success at the Olympics was even harder to achieve than a world championship. "After all, you have exactly one day in 1300 to do it," he pointed out.

For the event, Tattersall's Club staff provided table decorations in the form of a green map of Australia with a floral decoration for every table.



A blast from the past at the Tattersall's Olympic Fund Raising Luncheon: the club's own swimming champions of 1962. Left is Paul Blake who was third that year, centre John Devitt, who (of course) was first and right, David Emanuel, who took second place.



Supporting the Olympic Appeal at the club's luncheon, from the left, is Len Thompson, long distance swimmer Des Renford, John Brennan and right, broadcaster, Gordon Elliott, who has just become a member of Tattersall's.

Epicureans plan cruise and luncheon

The club's Epicureans Committee has two major events planned for March, a Bicentennial Harbour Cruise and an Inaugural Artist's Luncheon, with the well-known, young Australian artist, Fiona Craig in attendance with an exhibition of her paintings.

The Harbour Cruise has been announced previously, but some details have been changed, so enthusiasts for picnics and sight seeing on Sydney Harbour waters should study the new arrangements — and get their bookings in quickly with Joanne Lee in the club office.

The cruise will be held aboard the Matilda 11 on Sunday, March 13, and will be a lunch time cruise, instead of the evening event originally announced.

The cruise will depart from Pier 22, Pyrmont at the top of Harris Street, where there is ample parking, at 12.30pm and at 12.50pm from Mosman Wharf.

Lunch will consist of a "delicious selection" and all aboard will be served complimentary champagne. This special Bicentenary Cruise will enable club members to retrace those historical moments and see the historical sights.

The Matilda 11 offers luxurious comfort and convenience, including a

New members

The following new members were welcomed to the club in the period immediately prior to Christmas:

Peter Neville Anderson, Corporate investment, real estate, L.J. Hooker.

Patrick Joseph Bradley, Medical Practitioner.

Marcus Alexander Blake, Stockbroker, York Aust Pty Ltd.

Thomas Leonard Carroll, Licensed Bookmaker.

Peter William Clifton, Flight Attendant, Qantas.

Anthony Walter Egginton, Computer Sales Consultant, National Advanced Systems.

Gordon Elliott, Journalist, Channel 10.

John Flanery, Grazier.

Peter William Gerrard, Jeweller, Gerrards Jewellers Pty. Ltd.

Timothy William Gillis, Money Market Dealer, Mitsui Finance Australia Ltd.

John Edwin Grant, Company Director, Data No. 3 Business Systems.

John Henry Greenwell, Deputy President, Law Reform Commission

Darren Hirst, Restaurant General Manager, Mother Mages.

Gregory Reginald James, Barrister.

Bruce Michael Johansson, Salesman, Plessey Office Systems.

Sean William Linkson, Consultant, Morgan and Banks Pty Ltd.

Cameron Rolf Marks, Manager, Percy Marks Jewellers Pty Ltd.

Masaki Mori, Director, Suntory (Aust) Pty Ltd.

Richard Wallace Seton, Barrister.

Glenn Robert Thompson, Solicitor, Fred A. & John F. Newnham.

Bradley John Ure, Real Estate Developer, Chase Corporation Ltd.

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Christmas Photo Roundup

CHRISTMAS COCKTAIL PARTY

The Chairman's Christmas Cocktail Party proved the popular event it has always been, with large numbers of members and guests attending both the party itself and the traditional Christmas events and celebrations of the First Floor.

Indeed, Club officials found that the traditional activities were kept going by enthusiastic members for even longer than they had been in previous years.

Unfortunately the Chairman, David Dransfield was unable to be present, but his place was ably filled by the Club Treasurer (and acting Chairman for the event) John Simpson, who welcomed guests.



Victory in our time? Or a "Ham" with a ham? Tattersall's member Ron Patten swore he had invested most of the year's profits before winning the prize. With Ron are his guests at the Chairman's cocktail party, Jeanette Craig, left and Elaine Sherwood.



Tattersall's members and friends line up on the Double Bay greens for a photo call at the annual Christmas social and turkey day. Included in the group are Jim McMenamin, Sydney Morning Herald Bowls Writer, Double Bay President, Jack Jarman, Newcastle President, Don McAuley, Chairman of City Tatts, Laurie Taylor, and City Tatts Bowls Captain, Wally Duval.



Finalists at the Double Bay Bowls Day, Don McAuley of Newcastle, left, Tim Anderson of Tattersall's and the eventual winner, Wally Duval, of City Tatt's.



Swimming Club organisers, Alan Ball and Col Bowes, facing the camera, congratulate the winners and hand out the spoils (hampers with wine) at the Club's Christmas Splash.

CHRISTMAS SPLASH

The Swimming Club Christmas Splash became just that in the week before Christmas, with two teams led by Mike Gillis and Denis Wilson lining up for the 18-a-side race for the Christmas hampers.

Mike held back his top swimmers until the end, and consequently his team was looking a bad second, a length behind, after 15 swimmers had completed their two lengths each. His final three swimmers, including himself swimming against Denis Wilson in the final lengths, really churned up the pool to take the race by three metres. However the winners were just six seconds under their official time.

Some fast times in the pool have been recorded since swimming recommenced this year. Mike Gillis clocked 17.8 seconds for two laps and Neil Rogers did 38.2 for four laps.

All Tattersall's swimmers send their best wishes for a fast and complete recovery to fellow swimming enthusiast, Norman Rogers. Norman became ill at the races on January 16 and was admitted to hospital. However it is understood that he is now home again, convalescing. Get well quick, Norm.

Bonanza year for snooker

Members will welcome 1988 as a bonanza year of snooker in Tattersall's Club.

Ansett Airlines have again consented to sponsor our monthly Round Robin Pairs. The prize is a seven-day holiday for two to Hayman Island.

This competition is played monthly on the last Thursday of each month for six months. It is a points system with the points allocated as follows:

Seven points for a win; three for a second, one for third and fourth and importantly, three for attendance.

Any member wishing to play should contact Paddy Morgan. You may select your own partner, or have one provided for you.

Our Annual Snooker Tournament has been brought forward by one month in

order to provide enough time for additional competitions during the year.

Nominations will now close on March 25 and the ballot will be conducted on April 11 with the auction on May 9 and the competition commencing on May 13.

Last year was a record tournament and it is expected we will surpass that record this year.

Nomination forms will be forwarded to all members in four weeks time.

An additional similar function will be provided for members for the football season on February 25. This function begins with drinks at 6.40pm, followed by a beautiful three-course dinner at a cost of \$50 per person for members and male guests. Dress: lounge suit.

Attendance at this function is expected to reach 200, so book early through Joanne at the office.

I am looking forward to seeing new and old members participating in all our functions. We will do our part and we hope member response will be large.

— Doug Jordan

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lounge, a bar, entertainment, dining and dancing.

The Epicureans promise a delightful evening, but bookings need to be made quickly as the cruise, costing \$42.00 per person, is already more than half booked.

With the luncheon for Fiona Craig on Friday, March 25, the Epicureans claim to be breaking new ground at the club — offering members the cultural indulgence of art in addition to the traditional ones of racing, sport, food and the theatre.

The luncheon will be held in the Club Room at 1pm, and Fiona, will present a short talk about art and her work after members and guests have enjoyed a sumptuous lunch.

All her paintings on show at the lunch will be available for purchase.

Fiona has worked in oils, pastels and watercolours professionally for over 12 years. Her unique combination of

pastels and watercolours creates a striking three-dimensional impression. Her favourite subject are native flora and native bushland of the Blue Mountains.

She is represented in the collections of the University of New South Wales, Hawkesbury Shire Council and many private collections here and overseas. She recently completed a commission of 27 paintings for the Regent Hotel, Sydney, has won numerous prizes and has had solo exhibitions at several notable galleries, including the Holdsworth Gallery, Woollahra.

The Epicureans intend the lunch for Fiona to be the first of many Artists' Luncheons, and emphasise, that although the Epicurean Committee is sponsoring the event, all Tattersall's members are invited to attend, whether they are Epicureans or not.

Reservations can be made through Joanne Lee at the club office.

BOWLS

The lawn bowlers resume their programme this month and the major item is the Interstate Tattersall's Club Tournament being held in Melbourne on March 20.

President Tim Anderson has booked accommodation for 20 people in the southern city and reminds everyone planning to go that a deposit of \$20 on this accommodation for the tournament is now due.

Tim is also anxious to encourage as many good bowlers and good sports as possible to make the trip south to represent the club. Anyone who would like more information on this tournament and trip should contact Tim Anderson on 960-1083 in the evenings, or leave a message for him at the club.

The Christmas Bowls Day at Double Bay was held on December 17, with everyone present receiving a turkey and a small bottle of Dewar's Scotch Whisky before they were finally sent home.

As usual, Tattersall's friends from City Tatt's, Newcastle Tatts and Double Bay turned out in force to make the occasion a great success, with Wally Duval, Captain of City Tatt's eventually taking the honours of the day for his club in the sudden death play-off between the three finalist club captains.

The other finalists were Tim Anderson, President of Tattersall's Bowls Club and Don McAuley, the Newcastle Tatt's Bowls Captain. The only minor disappointment of the day was that the traditional trophy presentations could not be performed because previous bad weather had prevented the club from completing the competitions.

Programme

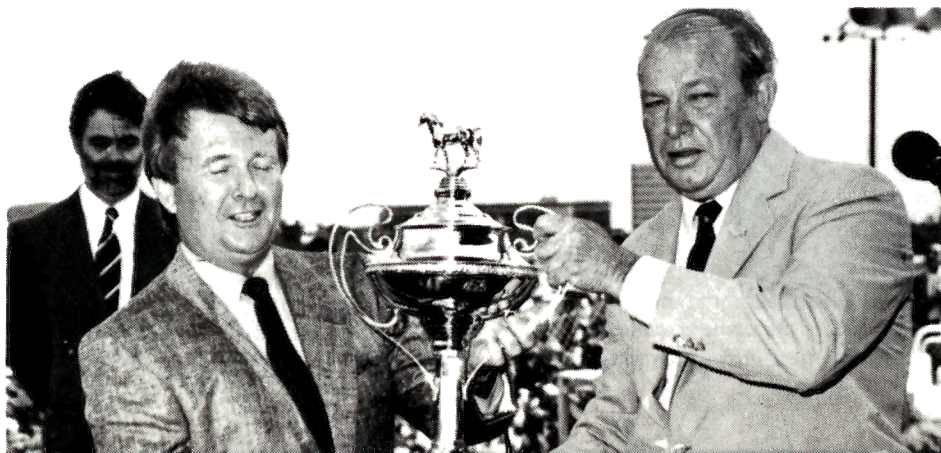
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Mar 17 Social, matches, Double Bay;
Mar 20 Teams to Melbourne Bowls Carnival;
Mar 21 22 and 24, Bowls;
Mar 23 Races;
Mar 24 Farewell Dinner;
Mar 31 Social, matches, Double Bay;
April 7 Social, matches, Double Bay;
April 14 Social, matches, City;
April 21 Social, matches, Double Bay;
April 28 Social, matches, Double Bay;
May 5, Social, matches, Double Bay;
May 12, Social, matches, City;
May 19 Social, matches, Double Bay;
May 24 Match v City Tatts, Hunters Hill, lunch at 12pm;
June 2 Social, matches, Double Bay;
June 9 Social, matches, City;
June 16 Social, matches, Double Bay;
June 23 Social, matches, Double Bay;
June 30, Social, matches, Double Bay.

NEW YEARS DAY RACES

Chairman of City Tattersall's Club, Laurie Taylor, was the guest of honour of Club Chairman, David Dransfield at the member's luncheon held in conjunction with the New Year's Day Tattersall's Cup Race Meeting.

Attendances at the Tattersall's meeting were up some 2,000 on the 1987 figure to about 17,500 and the tote takings were up \$800,000 to about \$2.6 million.

A particular feature of the day was the fine finish of the NZI Securities Carrington Stakes in which Snippets beat At Sea.



New Year's Day turned on its usual brilliant weather for the Tattersall's Club Meeting, and the photograph shows Club Chairman, David Dransfield, right presenting the Cup to Mr Phil Wilson, one of the four owners of the winning horse, Card Shark.